

Remarks

The status identifier for claim 16 has been changed from "original" to "currently amended."

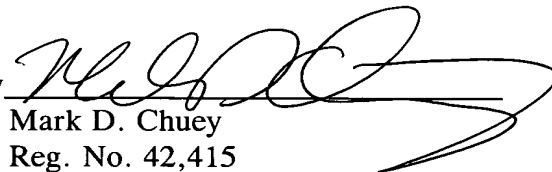
Claims 9-17 and 19-26 are pending in this application. Applicants believe that these claims meet all substantive requirements for patentability and respectfully request that the Examiner pass this case to issuance. No fee is believed due by filing this amendment. However, any fee due may be withdrawn from Deposit Account No. 21-0456 as specified in the Application Transmittal.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss any aspect of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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